Commercial Box Lunch (CBL)

Guidance

- AR 30-22, The Army Food Service Program, 30 Oct 02.
- DA Pam 30-22, Operating Procedures for the Army Food Service Program, 30 Oct 02.
- TB MED 530, Occupational and Environmental Health Food Service Sanitation, 30 Oct 02.
- USARC Memorandum, TBD.

Description CBL

- **Shelf Stable CBL (No Refrigeration Needed).**
  - **Canned Items; Entrée, Fruit.**
  - **Top Shelf Entrée.**
  - **Bottled Water, Fruit Juice.**
- **Perishable CBL (Needs Refrigeration).**
  - **Prepared Sandwiches.**
  - **Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers.**
  - **Potato Chips.**

Sources

- Merimeal
- Heatermeals
- Sun Meadows
- Jimmy Dean
- TOTM

Authorized Use

- Used during Inactive Duty Training (IDT).
- Annual Training (AT) when cooking a meal, a catered meal or eating with others is not feasible.
- Split training.
- Equivalent training (ETS).
- Convoy / bus movements to include meals traveling to and from AT / FTX sites.

Unauthorized Use

- **CBL are not to be considered a substitute for the Meal Ready to Eat (MRE).**

CBL Instructions

- **Authority:**
  - **Annual Training (AT): Shelf Stable CBL or MRE will be used for all convoy /bus movements to include meals traveling to and from AT sites.**
  - **Inactive Duty Training (AT): CBL will be used during Inactive Duty Training (IDT) and Annual Training (AT) when cooking a meal or catered meals or eating with another unit is not feasible.**

CBL Instructions

- **Safety:**
  - **The food protection policies and procedures outlined within TB MED 530, paragraph 3-56, will be strictly complied with.**
  - **Utilization of perishable CBL is contingent upon unit's ability to meet, or exceed, safety requirements.**
  - **Perishable CBL are classified as "Pre-prepared Frozen Sandwiches" delivered to the unit in a frozen state.**

CBL Instructions

- **Perishable Commercial Box Lunch (Safety):**
  - **Limitations: Must be used within the manufacturer's stated shelf life.**
  - **Refrigeration: Stored at 35 degrees F. Once issued must be consumed within four hours.**
  - **Storage: May be kept up to six months frozen or stored at 35 degrees F up to 14 days. Refreezing is not authorized.**
  - **Disposition: Once removed from refrigeration must be consumed or destroyed. Held at 35 degrees F for more than 14 days must be destroyed.**

CBL Instructions

- **Shelf Stable Commercial Box Lunches:**
  - **Limitations: Must be used within the manufacturer's stated shelf life.**
  - **Refrigeration: Not requirement.**
  - **Storage: Shelf life of one year in a controlled environment.**
  - **Disposition: CBL outside the manufacturer's shelf life will be destroyed.**

CBL Procurement

- **Procurement:**
  - **DA Form 3161, Request for Issue or Turn-In or form as designated by appropriate headquarters prepared in accordance with directions.**
  - **Two weeks request lead-time as required by Command and/or Vendor.**

CBL Accounting

- **Record Keeping:**
  - **Records must be in accordance with AR 25-400-2, The Army Record Information Management System (ARIMS)**
  - **Records are maintained on a fiscal year basis.**
  - **Files will contain all accountability records, i. e., requests, receipts, headcount records, ration control sheet, and destruction certificate, etc..**
  - **Eventually FSMS will be the ordering and record keeping method.**

CBL Accounting

- **DA Form 5914, Ration Control Sheet:**
  - **To provide a complete audit trail DA From 5914 will be maintained for all receipt or issue transactions.**
  - **Due to storage differences a separate DA Form 5914 will be kept for Perishable CBL and Shelf Stable CBL.**

CBL Accounting

- **Sale of CBL:**
  - **Authorized diners during IDT will reimburse at the Standard Meal Rate, signing the DD 1544, Cash Meal Payment Sheet.**
  - **When AT payroll deduction (DA Form 4187 actions) is utilized, reimbursement will be at the Discount Meal Rate.**
  - **The remarks block of the CMPS will be annotated with (BL) and the number of meals sold.**
  - **CBLs must be accounted for, but do not earn headcount monetary account credit.**

CBL Accounting

- **Reporting:**
  - **Headcount data for CBLs will be reported to units higher headquarters monthly using DA Form 2970.**
  - **When a signature system is required:**
    - **DA Form 3032 annotated top and bottom “COMMERCIAL BOX LUNCHES” will be used.**
    - **Personnel required to pay cash will make the appropriate entries on DD Form 1544.**
    - **FOS will record the number provided on DA Form 2970.**

CBL Accounting

- **Relief From Accountability:**
  - **CBLs that cannot be supported by headcount data, or a record of destruction to meet food safety standards, the loss (including lost accountability) or destruction requires will be cause for initiating an investigation (AR 15-6).**

In a Nut Shell That's CBLs